

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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RUSSIAN RESEARCH CENTER)
THE KURCHATOV INSTITUTE)
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 Plaintiff)
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 vs.)
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 WESTERN SERVICES CORPORATION,)
 et al.)
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 Defendants)
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ANSWER TO WESTERN SERVICES CORPORATION'S
AMENDED COUNTERCLAIM AND THIRD PARTY CLAIM

Plaintiff and Counter Defendant Russian Research Center Kurchatov Institute ("KI"), by its undersigned counsel, answers the Amended Counterclaims (the "Amendment") asserted by Western Services Corporation ("WSC") as follows:

Incorporation By Reference

1. With the exception of the paragraphs of WSC's Amended Counterclaim specifically addressed below, and pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 10(c), KI incorporates by reference its specific responses affirmative defenses and other matters in its original Answer to Western Services Corporation's Counterclaim and Demand For Jury Trial, filed

with the Court on April 1, 2003, as if fully set forth herein.

Specific Answers

2. With reference to the allegations of Paragraphs 7 and 16 of WSC's Amendment, the allegations of Paragraph 7 and 16 are not asserted against KI, but, to the extent they are, KI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth, and, therefore, denies the same.

3. With reference to Paragraph 42 of the Amendment, KI continues to deny the allegations contained therein, including the amended information.

4. The allegations contained in Paragraph 63 of the Amendment are not asserted against KI, but to the extent they are, KI is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth and, therefore, denies the same. The allegations contained in Paragraphs 64 and 65 and 113 through 118 of the Amendment are not asserted against KI, but, to the extent they are, KI denies the allegations set forth therein.

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